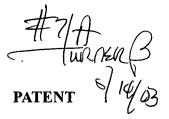


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## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 18, 2003 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 18, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

## **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virgina 22313-1450, on May 8, 2003.

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